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Appeal letter Year 5 funding. Please review attached Word document

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## Letter of Appeal to the FCC

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Administrator's Decision of Appeal-Funding Year 2002-2003  
New Haven Public Schools  
Billed Entity Number: 122543  
For 471 Application Numbers:  
471#: 293055-FRN's: 749750,749760,749778,749790  
471#: 299618-FRN: 768582  
471#: 293347-FRN: 750867  
471#: 293477-FRN: 854674  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

This letter is to serve as an appeal to the FCC in regard to the denial of our appeal from the SLD in a letter dated from them on December 20,2002.

This appeal is only reference to the above listed 471 application numbers. **All** of the above numbers are for Priority 1 Telecommunication and Internet services. We do not wish to appeal the ruling on any of the internal connection applications.

The New Haven Public Schools has been a recipient of Priority 1 funding from the SLD for the previous 4 years. In order to maintain our basic telephone and Internet access we require the continuation of this funding for Year 5.

The denial of the our appeal stated that we did not identify the source of funding during an Item 25 review. We did show that within our budget for the fiscal year under the category of Telephones an amount of \$655,000. With our Internal Connection applications we had realized we had exceeded that dollar amount required for our portion of funding those projects. Had we been approved for those Internal Connection applications the New Haven Public Schools would have appropriated the necessary money.

However, we have always been able to demonstrate for our Year 5 Priority 1 applications the funding required for our portion of the expense. We have also successfully participated in the program for the first 4 years for all of our Priority I applications.

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If you **look** at the attached chart below of our funding requests for the Priority I services you will see that the New Haven Public Schools needs \$320,413 to cover its portion of the services. We have provided the SLD with a valid budget showing \$655,000 set aside for these services.

<u>471 Application Number</u>	<u>FRN #</u>	<u>Pre-Disc. Amount</u>	<u>Amount After Disc.</u>
293035	749750	\$324,564.00	\$249,914.28
	749760	\$133,276.80	\$102,623.14
	749778	\$103,083.60	\$79,374.37
	749790	\$11,929.00	\$9,185.48
299618	768582	\$597,432.00	\$460,022.64
293347	750867	\$108,000.00	\$83,160.00
293477	854674	<u>\$264,080.00</u>	<u>\$237,672.00</u>
		\$1,542,365.60	\$1,221,951.91

Portion Owed By New Haven: \$320,413.00

The New Haven Public Schools is an impoverished urban school district that cannot afford to bear such a large dollar amount on its own for all of these crucial telecommunication services.

We implore the FCC to **look** at our Priority I funding requests for the Year 5 funding year, and that you overturn the denial of the appeal, and reinstate our applications. If this does not occur the students, teachers, and administration of New Haven will be forced to suffer with minimal bandwidth for their Internet access, and a reduction in telephone service.

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